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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT HUMAN RIGHTS

1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS EDITORIAL SINAR HARAPAN
JANUARY 5:

2. QTE WE OF COURSE FIND IT UNPLEASANT READING THE REPORT
FROM WASHINGTON THAT INDONESIA... IS PLACED ON A
BLACK LIST OF STATES WHICH HAVE VIOLATED BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS...

3. QTE... WE VIEW THE LIST ISSUED IN WASHINGTON AS A
SIGN THAT IN OUR WORLD TODAY THERE IS A GROWING CONCERN
WITH BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AS AN INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM.

4. QTE WITH DISCOMFORT AND THE REALIZATION THAT THE
WORLD IS SHOWING PROWING ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEM OF
BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, LETS CALMLY SEEK TO UNDERSTAND
WHAT HAPPENED IN WASHINGTON AND HOW WE SHOULD BEST
FACE IT.

5. QTE WHAT WAS ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON WAS A REPORT
FROM THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT PREPARED AT THE REQUEST
OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE. A
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LAW ON FOREIGN AID PASSED SOME TIME AGO, EVEN THOUGH
THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS OPPOSED TO IT, RELATES
MILITARY AID AND THE SALE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO
OTHER COUNTRIES TO BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND OBLIGES
THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE
SITUATION... IN ANY ONE COUNTRY WHEN REQUESTED
(TO DO SO) BY THE HOUSE.

6. QTE THE STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT WAS CONFIDENTIAL,
BUT THE HOUSE DECIDED TO RELEASE IT. THE CONTENTS
WERE BASED NOT JUST ON THE DATE OF THE STATE
DEPARTMENT, BUT ALSO ON REPORTS FROM AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL AND OTHER SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS.

7. QTE WHILE NOTING DEVELOPMENTS IN WASHINGTON AND IN
THE WORLD IN GENERAL WHERE THERE IS A GROWING INTEREST
IN BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AS AN INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM,
WE CONTINUE VIEWING THE PROBLEMS WE CONFRONT IN
INDONESIA AS OUR OWN RESPONSIBILITY. WE ARE SETTLING
AND WILL CONTINUE TO SETTLE THEM WITH DUE REGARD TO
SECURITY, THE LAW AND HUMANITARIANISM ENDQTE.
ENDUSINFO.
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